S. 779

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat controlled foreign corporations established in tax havens as domestic corporations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 13, 2005

Mr. Dorgan (for himself and Mr. Levin) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. TAX TREATMENT OF CONTROLLED FOREIGN
- 4 CORPORATIONS ESTABLISHED IN TAX HA-
- 5 VENS.
- 6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter C of chapter 80 of the
- 7 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to provisions af-
- 8 fecting more than one subtitle) is amended by adding at
- 9 the end the following new section:

1	"SEC. 7875. CONTROLLED FOREIGN CORPORATIONS IN TAX
2	HAVENS TREATED AS DOMESTIC CORPORA
3	TIONS.
4	"(a) General Rule.—If a controlled foreign cor-
5	poration is a tax-haven CFC, then, notwithstanding sec-
6	tion 7701(a)(4), such corporation shall be treated for pur-
7	poses of this title as a domestic corporation.
8	"(b) TAX-HAVEN CFC.—For purposes of this sec-
9	tion—
10	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The term 'tax-haven CFC
11	means, with respect to any taxable year, a foreign
12	corporation which—
13	"(A) was created or organized under the
14	laws of a tax-haven country, and
15	"(B) is a controlled foreign corporation
16	(determined without regard to this section) for
17	an uninterrupted period of 30 days or more
18	during the taxable year.
19	"(2) Exception.—The term 'tax-haven CFC
20	does not include a foreign corporation for any tax-
21	able year if substantially all of its income for the
22	taxable year is derived from the active conduct of
23	trades or businesses within the country under the
24	laws of which the corporation was created or orga-
25	nized.

- 1 "(c) Tax-Haven Country.—For purposes of this 2 section—
- 3 "(1) IN GENERAL.—The term 'tax-haven coun-
- 4 try' means any of the following:

Panama Andorra Guernsey Anguilla Isle of Man Samoa Antigua and Barbuda Jersey San Marino Aruba Liberia Federation of Commonwealth of the Principality of Saint Christ-Bahamas Liechtenstein opher Bahrain Republic of the and Nevis Barbados Maldives Saint Lucia Belize Malta Saint Vincent Bermuda Republic of the and the Grena-Marshall Islands dines British Virgin Islands Cayman Islands Mauritius Republic of the Cook Islands Principality of Monaco Seychelles Cyprus Montserrat Tonga Commonwealth of the Republic of Nauru Turks and Caicos Dominica Netherlands Republic of Gibraltar Antilles Vanuatu Grenada Niue

- 5 "(2) Secretarial authority.—The Secretary
- 6 may remove or add a foreign jurisdiction from the
- 7 list of tax-haven countries under paragraph (1) if
- 8 the Secretary determines such removal or addition is
- 9 consistent with the purposes of this section.".
- 10 (b) Conforming Amendment.—The table of sec-
- 11 tions for subchapter C of chapter 80 of the Internal Rev-
- 12 enue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the
- 13 following new item:

"Sec. 7875 Controlled foreign corporations in tax havens treated as domestic corporations.".

- 1 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 2 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after

3 December 31, 2007.

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